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## **RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated December 16, 2005 (Paper No. 20051207), for which a response is due on January 16, 2006. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a 1 month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to February 16, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

The Examiner has required restriction between the following inventions as required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-18, drawn to a system, classified in class 414, subclass 277.
- II. Claims 19-21, drawn to a method of assembling or operating, classified in class 414, subclass 800.

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Applicant hereby elects Group I, (claims 1-18) without traverse.

Applicant expressly reserves the right under 35 U.S.C. §121 to file a divisional application directed on the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming priority from this application.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal form is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to

<u>Deposit Account No. 03-1952</u> referencing 249212023500. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

Dated: February 15, 2006

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